

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO RALPH HACKER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my long-time friend, Ralph Hacker, upon his induction into the University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame—Class of 2017.

Ralph Hacker's voice was a colorful hallmark of the UK Radio Network for more than three decades, including three men's basketball national championships, seven Final Fours and four football bowl games. Before we could watch our beloved UK Wildcats play basketball on television, we used to "watch them on the radio," as some would jokingly say—and it was the voice of Ralph Hacker that brought the game to life, as we envisioned every block, every dunk and every heroic play on the court. Still today, the Big Blue Nation is known to turn down the audio on the television to instead listen to familiar commentary on the radio as the game plays on. It's a testament to local broadcasters, like Ralph Hacker, who attended practices and spent unmatched time on and off the court with coaches and players to learn about the passion and drive that breeds championship teams. Today, the University of Kentucky is the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division I Men's Basketball winningest program, and it was Ralph Hacker's voice that helped fans rejoice with every win and find solace in every defeat.

Before becoming a voice for the Wildcats, Ralph and I first met at WVLC in Lexington as young disc jockeys, where we also worked with fellow broadcasters Jim Host and Claude Sullivan. While I detoured to UK Law School and eventually, the U.S. House of Representatives, all three of my friends had tremendous broadcasting careers, pioneering advancements in communications and business. Ralph later purchased and built a prominent radio network as president of HHM Broadcasting, earning the respect of broadcasters across the country.

Aside from his broadcasting career, Ralph and his lovely wife Marilyn have generously opened up their hearts and their home to help raise support for a number of charities. Their joint philanthropic drive has made a profound impact on the lives of countless Kentucky families. Most recently, Ralph has adamantly lent his voice to raise awareness for cardiac health across the state.

Mr. Speaker, the UK Athletics Hall of Fame is filled with incredibly talented men and women from my alma mater. I'm incredibly proud that my friend, Ralph Hacker, is rightfully being added to this prestigious list of legends after dedicating his voice to the broadcasting industry in Kentucky for more than a half century. However, among all his accomplishments, I know Ralph and Marilyn are most proud of their wonderful daughter and

son-in-law, Heather and Danny Reilly, and especially their granddaughters, Collins and Gresham Jane.

IN RECOGNITION OF KANG KYUNG-WHA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Kang Kyung-wha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Foreign Minister Kang has dedicated her career to the protection and promotion of humanitarian principles domestically and around the world. On September 22, 2017, she will be honored at the United Nations by Equality Now, a non-governmental organization advocating for the human rights of women and girls worldwide, for her work on behalf of women and girls and in recognition of her appointment as the first female Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea.

Kang Kyung-wha is a veteran diplomat, serving both the Republic of Korea and the United Nations. After beginning her career as a news producer and associate professor, Minister Kang began working in the National Assembly, serving as the Secretary for International Relations in the Office of the Speaker in 1990. Her work was focused on the promotion of human rights, women's advancement, and parliamentary diplomacy. After 8 years with the National Assembly, she began working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the agency she now leads.

In 2005, Minister Kang was appointed Director General of International Organizations at the foreign ministry, becoming the second female diplomat to serve at that level. She was the Minister in her country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations from September 2001 to July 2005, during which time she chaired the Commission on the Status of Women for its 48th and 49th sessions. In 2006, she was appointed by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to serve as United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, the highest appointment in an international organization for a Korean woman. In April 2013 Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed her Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. In this position, Minister Kang oversaw the UN agency responsible for their response to complex emergencies and natural disasters, the coordination of humanitarian response, policy development and advocacy. During her tenure, she navigated many of the most substantial crises in our time, coordinating humanitarian action and support in places like Syria and South Sudan.

In December 2016, Minister Kang was appointed as a Senior Advisor on Policy by then

United Nations Secretary-General-designate António Guterres. Shortly after, in June 2017, the Republic of Korea's President Moon Jae-in appointed Kang Kyung-wha as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. She has been tasked with resolving sensitive diplomatic issues while furthering Korea's commitment to refugee and human rights. Minister Kang must help her country navigate one of the most dangerous geopolitical situations our world has seen: the nuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Kang Kyung-wha for the work she has done to safeguard humanitarian principles and further the international community's commitment to the rights of women and girls, and to congratulate her on her appointment as the Republic of Korea's first female Minister of Foreign Affairs. Minister Kang's continued focus on the advancement of women both in the Republic of Korea and internationally has paved the way for future generations of women around the world.

RECOGNIZING CHERYL MOORE FOR HER REMARKABLE SERVICE TO VENTURA COUNTY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Cheryl Moore, an outstanding community leader and public servant. For over a decade, Cheryl has demonstrated remarkable service to our community as the Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County, a strategic partner in the local skilled labor force that supports the region's business needs and economic vitality.

Prior to her role with the Workforce Development Board, Cheryl has held positions as an educator, as an administrator of educational programs, and spent more than 20 years in the private sector working for multibillion-dollar companies. This diverse background and extensive experience have played an instrumental role to the notable work ethic that she always exhibited and brought to the table.

Under Cheryl's guidance and leadership, the Workforce Development Board has been able to foster an invaluable environment of collaboration amongst an array of entities including governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and private and public industries. As a direct result of her actions and tireless efforts, new connections and creative partnerships have grown among business and community leaders committed to strengthening and promoting the regional workforce and economy.

She has been an exceptional advocate of the development of a strong and adept workforce. Her steadfast commitment to the community has positively impacted and changed

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